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**Middle Bench
Wildfire Fact Sheet**

Start Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2014 2 p.m.

Location: Approximately 70 miles south west of St. George, Utah in the Grand Wash Cliffs Wilderness. Due to the remote location of this fire, fire fighters are currently traveling 1.5 hours on backcountry roads to Imlay air strip on the Arizona Strip and being flown to the fire's location by a Type 2 helicopter.

Jurisdiction: BLM Arizona Strip District

Fire Size: Approximately 450 acres

Cause: Lightning

Fire Behavior: creeping and smoldering

Closures: No closures are in effect

Structures: None threatened

Percent Contained: 20%

Fuels: Cheatgrass, mixed brush, pinyon/juniper trees, and black brush; high fire spread potential

Fire Crews/Resources: Management of the fire transitioned to a Type 3 IC today. 1 Type 3 helicopter Moki Helitak, 16 smoke jumpers, 2 tactical water tenders providing bucket support, 2 Type 1 hand crew. 1 Type 1 helicopter is providing bucket work, dipping from the ARRA funded dip tank at the Pakoon Fire Station on the Arizona Strip.

Evacuations: None

Injuries: None

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For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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